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**Art Unit:** 1651

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**Examiner:** H. Lilling

**For:** *METHODS FOR ISOLATING POLYHYDROXYALKANOATES  
FROM PLANTS*

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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**Remarks****Rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 102/103**

Claims 36-44 are pending. Claims 39-40 were withdrawn from consideration. Claims 36-38 and 41-44 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as over U.S. Patent No. 6,083,729 to Martin et al. ("Martin"). The applicants respectfully traverse the rejection.

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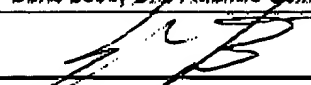
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103 18	203 9	Claims in excess of 20
102 84	202 42	Independent claims in excess of 3
104 280	204 140	Multiple dependent claim, if not paid
109 84	209 42	** Reissue independent claims over original patent
110 18	210 9	** Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent

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147 2,520	147 2,520	For filing a request for ex parte reexamination	
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118 1,440	218 720	Extension for reply within fourth month	
128 1,980	228 980	Extension for reply within fifth month	
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121 280	221 140	Request for oral hearing	
138 1,510	138 1,510	Petition to institute a public use proceeding	
140 110	240 55	Petition to revive - unavoidable	
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